

an optical cable coupling the optical triggering circuit to the power circuit;  
wherein the power circuit is directly driven by the transmission of the optical trigger signal from the optical triggering circuit to the power circuit via the optical cable.

2. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a control processor coupled to the optical triggering circuit at the first location, wherein the optical triggering circuit is responsive to receipt of a command signal from the control processor to generate the optical trigger signal.

3. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a DC motor coupled to an output of the power circuit at the second location.

4. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the power circuit includes at least one leg including a pair of transistors, each transistor including a base coupled in series to a corresponding photoconductor, wherein activation of the corresponding photoconductor turns on the transistor.

5. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further comprising a corresponding shunt photoconductor coupled to the base of each transistor, wherein activation of the corresponding shunt photoconductor turns off the transistor.